

**Abstract**

The present invention provides apparatus, methods and systems for information and financial banking. Apparatus of the present invention include virtual wallets which allow for information and financial banking including payment mechanisms; identity authentication mechanisms; personal information; and electronic artifacts. Methods and systems of the present invention include information and financial banking methods utilizing virtual wallets. A preferred virtual wallet comprises a locally residing portion and a server residing portion. An interface is provided for communication between the two portions of the wallet.

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